

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-10-12

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska
October 31, 2012

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
November 3, 2012

Expiration Date: June 30, 2013
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and non-resident hunting season for elk in registration permit hunt RE755 except south and west of a line running from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay on Afognak Island at 11:59 PM, November 3, 2012. This registration hunt area is located within Game Management Unit 8.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.035 (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
(2)		
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Unit 8, Southwest Afognak, that portion of Afognak Island and adjacent islands south and west of a line from the head of Back Bay (58° 05.3' N. lat., 152° 45.7' W. long.) to Hatch- ery Peak (58° 07.2' N. lat., 152° 47.5' W. long.), to the head of Malina Bay (58° 09.3' N.lat., 152° 51.0' W.long.).		
1 antlerless elk by registration permit only	Oct. 23 – Nov. 30 (General Hunt Only)	Oct. 23 – Nov. 30

Unit 8, Eastern Afognak, that Portion of Afognak Island east of the main north-south logging road (1100 road) from the Danger Bay logging camp at 58° 08.2' N. lat., 152° 32.9' W. long., north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay at 58° 19.6' N. lat., 152° 21.8' W. long., and adjacent islands west of Marmot Strait

1 antlerless elk by registration permit only Oct. 23 – Nov. 3 (General Hunt Only) Oct. 23 – Nov. 3

Remainder of Unit 8

1 antlerless elk by registration permit only Oct. 23 – Nov. 3 (General Hunt Only) Oct. 23 – Nov. 3

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Lawrence J. Van Daele
Regional Wildlife Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes the elk hunting season in registration permit hunt RE755 except that portion of Afognak Island that is southwest of a line from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay. Four of the five of the elk herds within this closed area have nearly reached or exceeded acceptable harvest levels as of October 31, 2012 (Duck 10/9, Portage 7/8, Waterfall 3/4, and Marka 11/13). Any additional harvest beyond the closure date in this emergency order would be excessive and may jeopardize the future productivity of these herds. An earlier emergency order closed RE755 to bull (antlered) elk hunting in order to bolster the bull:cow ratio and reduce harvest rates. Hunting for antlerless elk will remain open in the southwest portion of Afognak at this time.

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